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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. 99-372-A)

PATENT

In re Application of: Welch et al.

Serial No.: 09/724,860

Filed: November 28, 2000

For: Interferon-like Molecules  
and Uses Thereof

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED MAY 16, 2002**

Responsive to the Office Action, mailed May 16, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**AMENDMENTS**

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments.

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 9, 12-42, and 46-56 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend the following claims:

1. (Amended Twice) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence:
- (a) as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 4;
  - (b) of the DNA insert in ATCC Deposit No. PTA-976;
  - (c) encoding the polypeptide as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 5;
  - (d) that hybridizes to the complement of the nucleotide sequence of any of (a) - (c) under hybridization conditions allowing no more than a 21% mismatch between the nucleotide sequences;

or

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